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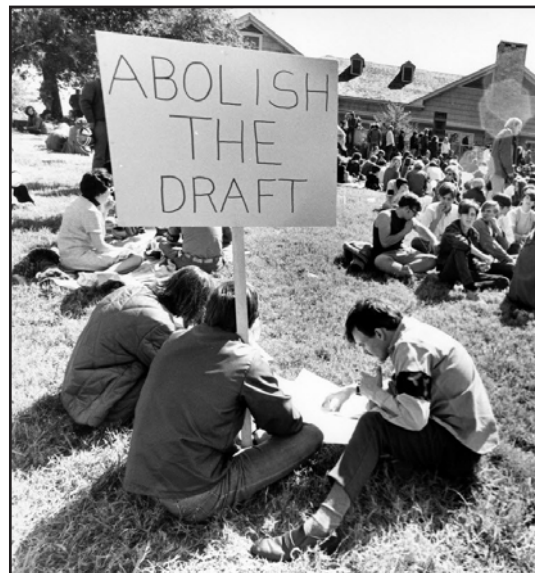
By Tom Bodle

In the last week of summer and the third week of school, national attention was focused on the Paris Peace Talks to find an end to the Vietnam War. U.S. President Richard Nixon decided to cancel the military draft for the months of November and December as a negotiating ploy. Also, it was hoped that this move would quell the burgeoning anti-draft demonstrations throughout the country.

In sports: The Cardinals Steve Carlton set a record of 19 strikeouts in a regulation baseball game against the New York Mets. Jack Nicklaus paced the U.S. Ryder Cup team to a 16-16 tie versus PGA champion Tony Jacklin and the British team.

In pop culture: Movie fans were entertained by “Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice”, the number one movie of September. Television cult figure “Tiny Tim” (Herbert Buckingham Khaury) who became popular for his rendition of “Tiptoe Through the Tulips” proposed to his beloved “Miss Vicky” (Budzinger). New television programs “The Brady Bunch” and “Scooby Doo” quickly became popular with weekly audiences. And after a summer of outstanding music, American tastes returned to the “bubble gum” tones of the “Archies” as “Sugar, Sugar” knocked down the “Stones” “Honky Tonk Women” to become Number One.

On the shores of Lake Erie, St. Joseph High School celebrated its initial school liturgy. For the first time in history, an all-school Mass was performed by folk guitar music, orchestrated by SHALOM, the ensemble group organization for students.





The Cross Country team continued on its quest to dominate northeast Ohio harriers, defeating five opponents at a meet at Forest Hills Park.

The Viking gridgers found themselves stymied by neighborhood rival Collinwood in the first half of their September 20th contest. The Railroaders capitalized on a St. Joe fumble at their own 20 yard line to take a 7-6 lead at halftime. In front of almost 9,000 fans at Euclid Stadium, the Vikings were able to counter. Long punt returns by Greg Lieb and Ward Hill set up two touchdowns for a 22-7 victory. Kevin Flynt paced the offense with 131 yards. The defense once again was stellar, holding the Railroaders to only 156 yards in offense.

As summer days waned and autumn was about to be upon the Viking campus, the school year was into its groove. #

